

two attorneys opinions and one of them says that it is germane, and one of them says that it is not germane, so I feel very secure in my decision. I also understand that no matter which way I rule I will be challenged. So, be that as it may, I think while both of you have something to talk about, actually in the rule it says germane amendments relate only to details of the specific subject of the bill and must be in a natural and logical sequence. So, did you want to speak before I make a decision, Senator Chambers? Then I would have at least two attorneys against one, wouldn't I? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, you have one attorney who said yea, another attorney who say nay, and a person who transcends the legal profession who is about to make a very authoritative and well-reasoned announcement which your decision can follow. First of all there are provisions of the amendment that I don't like. I don't like the cities, the counties or any political subdivision involved in gambling, but that is a separate matter. So I wanted to get that out of the picture. The bill does deal with bingo, pickles, lotteries, all of them. The dumbest...no the stupidest forms of "gambling." Pickles are not really gambling. Lotteries are not really gambling. Bingo is not really gambling. They are schemes and stratagems which give a bad name to legitimate gambling. They are designed to make the many lose in order that a very few, in some cases one, will be able to win. Based on that characterization of these forms of wresting money from people, I think the mere fact that an electronic device is used to accomplish the same purpose of this type of activity does not render the amendment nongermane. It might be a bad amendment, which I think it is, but I don't think it should be avoided under the pretext of saying it has no relationship to what the bill deals with. The bill deals with an activity. The important thing is not the instrumentality by which the activity is carried out. Bingo, all lotteries, including horse racing by the parimutuel method, are stupid. They should be illegal because they are in the nature of con person activity. It is worse than the pigeon drop, but nevertheless, the state has decided to legalize it. So, Mr. Speaker, what I am suggesting is that the Chair should look at the activity which LB 408 deals with. It is a means of separating people from their money by a scheme which requires that the many lose in order that the few might win. And whether the instrumentality is a piece of cardboard,